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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

FFY 2009 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

Application Deadline: June 14, 2010

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, through this Application for Grant Funding, announces that a portion of the twenty-percent (20%) state-share of the FFY 2009 HSGP funding is available for eligible applicants.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops (click on Funding & Training Opportunities, Homeland Security, FFY 2009 State-Share Application for Grant Funding) or contact Stephen.Tapis@state.ma.us.

FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment from October 2009 – August 2010

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division announces the continued availability of approximately \$1,450,000 in federal grant funding in FFY 2010 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies for high visibility traffic enforcement during mobilizations.

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety (click on FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program).

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks training and technical assistance providers who will develop criminal justice-related curricula and deliver training and other technical assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies, other justice system agencies, and communities. The providers will also be responsible for supporting all aspects of the Project Safe Neighborhoods National Training and Technical Assistance Program. The PSN National TTA Program is designed to provide TTA resources that are critical to communities' efforts to reduce violent crime, gun-related crimes, and criminal gangs. For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10PSNTTAsol.pdf>.

National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding to enhance the ability of justice agencies to share information in order to support critical public safety and criminal justice system activities. Through this solicitation, the criminal justice community will benefit from improved information sharing through advanced technology and tools that will increase efficiency, improve operations, and promote cost savings and reuse.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10NationalJISsol.pdf>.

National Initiatives: Improving Criminal Courts

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for the improvement of the criminal court system through two national initiatives: training leader judges and/or improving court communications. Specifically, BJA is interested in funding national programs/efforts, such as training and technical assistance, to address the needs of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems and communities. Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with other organizations to submit joint applications for the required services and deliverables.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10CriminalCourtsSol.pdf>.

Intellectual Property Enforcement Program

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to address criminal intellectual property enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. Specifically, this solicitation will fund efforts to: assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in enforcing criminal intellectual property laws; assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in educating the public to prevent, deter, and identify criminal violations of intellectual property laws; establish task forces to include state, local law, or tribal enforcement entities, or both, exclusively to conduct investigations and forensic analyses of evidence and prosecutions in matters involving criminal intellectual property laws; and/or assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers and prosecutors in acquiring computer and other equipment to conduct investigations and forensic analyses of evidence in matters involving criminal intellectual property laws.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10IntelPropertySol.pdf>.

Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 13, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to improve the functioning of tribal justice systems by providing assistance to tribal jurisdictions in responding to crime related to alcohol and substance abuse. The purpose of this program is to assist tribal communities in planning and implementing comprehensive strategies to reduce and control crime associated with alcohol and other drug abuse; and in developing, implementing, and enhancing American Indian and Alaska Native tribal justice systems.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10IASAPTTAsol.pdf>.

National Initiatives: Addressing Substance Abuse

Application Deadline: May 18, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system by providing assistance to communities in responding to substance abuse-related crime. This solicitation will focus specifically on two critical substance abuse areas that law enforcement and others in the criminal justice system encounter daily: drug-endangered children and pharmaceutical crime.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10NationalSubstanceAbuseSol.pdf>.

Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs

Application Deadline: May 18, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications that demonstrate innovation in justice; address a demonstrated gap in areas within the justice system or in the knowledge base of justice system practitioners and/or state and local policymakers; and allow for replication nationwide. BJA is looking for the best innovative, field-generated concepts for advancing the capabilities and performance of the criminal justice system, including sustainability planning and the implementation of an evidence-based practice in a novel way or to address a new issue. Applicants may apply under one of three categories: state or local programs that strategically address emerging or chronic criminal justice issues; innovative strategies for addressing these issues; or strategies to sustain innovative of evidence-based programs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10FieldInitiatedSol.pdf>.

FY10 Services for American Victims of Domestic Violence Abroad

Application Deadline: May 18, 2010

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for one organization to provide a continuum of services to American citizens experiencing family violence while living in a foreign country. The organization will provide a range of services to these victims including, but not limited to, crisis hotline support, safety planning, counseling referrals, relocation assistance, and legal assistance. The grantee must develop a series of bulletins which address the critical issues for domestic violence services provided to victims abroad and the need for service coordination with providers in the United States to ensure a continuum of services to those victims who elect to return to the U.S.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/2010_Solicitation_DV_Victims_Abroad.pdf.

Enforcing Victims' Rights: Direct Representation Through Legal Clinics

Application Deadline: May 20, 2010

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications to undertake a comprehensive effort to ensure the enforcement of victims' rights at the state, federal, and tribal levels through direct, pro bono representation by legal clinics in criminal court. Funding will be used to provide legal counsel and support services for victims as authorized under the Crime Victims' Rights Act. The grantee will provide intensive financial, administrative, and programmatic technical assistance and training to the legal clinics.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/FY10_EnforcingVictimsRights.pdf.

FY 2010 VOCA Regional Children's Advocacy Centers Program

Application Deadline: May 20, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for four Regional Children's Advocacy Centers (RCACs) that will work to develop teams, programs, and organizations that respond to child abuse and neglect through the delivery of training and technical assistance. The four RCACs, situated within each of the four U.S. Census regions, will work to develop multi-disciplinary teams, local children's advocacy center programs, and state chapter organizations that respond to child abuse and neglect; and strengthen existing multidisciplinary teams, child advocacy center programs, and state chapter organizations through of training and technical assistance.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/VOCA-RCAC.pdf>.

FY 2010 Missing and Exploited Children National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 20, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for a training provider to develop and implement training on effective responses to child victimization cases for state and local law enforcement, child protection personnel, prosecutors, medical providers, and child advocacy center professionals. The program's purpose is to provide assistance to the above-mentioned population to strengthen responses to, and improve prosecution of, child victimization cases.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/MECTTA.pdf>.

National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention

Application Deadline: May 20, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system by addressing training and technical assistance needs for state and local law enforcement and crime prevention efforts. This grant announcement focuses on funding national efforts to enhance law enforcement and crime prevention in seven specific program areas: National Crime Prevention Awareness and Education for Immigrant Families; National Campus Public Safety Professional Certification Program; National Compendium of School/Campus Crime Prevention; National Officer Safety Training and Technical Assistance Program; A Nationwide Examination of Rural Policing Issues; National Mortgage Fraud and Crime Relating to Vacant Properties—Training and Technical Assistance; and Missing Alzheimer's Disease Toolkit.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10NationalLEandCPsol.pdf>.

FY 2010 Missing and Exploited Children Program Support

Application Deadline: May 25, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for a provider to serve the Missing and Exploited Children Program through a variety of services and program support. The Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) Program is the primary vehicle for building an infrastructure to support the national effort to prevent the abduction and exploitation of children. The successful applicant will provide program support to OJJDP, MEC training providers, and other local, state, and federal law enforcement officials partnering with the MEC Program.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/MECPROGSUPP.pdf>.

National Initiatives: Justice System Response to Special Populations

Application Deadline: May 27, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, by assisting state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to develop appropriate responses to persons with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system, including opportunities to divert persons with mental illness into a system of case management and treatment. Applicants may submit proposals under any of the following four categories: Technical Assistance Provider – Linking Information Systems to Improve Outcomes for Offenders with Mental Illnesses; Training Services Provider – Mental Health Court Curriculum Development; Training Services Provider – Law Enforcement Response to Individuals with Mental Illness Training and Technical Assistance Program; and Assessment – Pathways of Women with Mental Illnesses to Jails.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SpecialPopulationsSol.pdf>.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Awareness, Assistance, and Support

Application Deadline: May 27, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance, Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Office seeks applications for support and assistance directly related to the submission, review, and processing of PSOB Death Benefits claims. Applicants may apply under one or more of the following categories: Notification of Public Safety Officer Deaths; Agency Awareness and Outreach; and/or Prerequisite Certification/Benefits. Applicants are limited to for-profit organizations and nonprofit organizations with significant experience in designing and delivering support and resources at the national level for survivors of fallen public safety officers.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10PSOBSupportSol.pdf>.

Evaluation of the BJA Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

Application Deadline: May 28, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for a rigorous, multi-year, multi-site evaluation of the Bureau of Justice Assistance Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Training and Technical Assistance Initiative. Specifically, NIJ intends to fund an evaluation that provides rigorous assessment of the training and technical assistance, implementation, outcomes, and impacts involving the effectiveness of the DMI model. Funding priority will be given to applicants proposing experimental research designs that use random selection and assignment of participants to experimental and control conditions.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000939.pdf>.

Research and Evaluation on Human Trafficking

Application Deadline: May 28, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for research and evaluation projects to address the knowledge gaps related to trafficking in persons in the United States. NIJ is particularly interested in evaluations of programs that operate demand reduction interventions for sex trafficking and commercial sex acts. NIJ is also interested in research that describes and estimates the unlawful commercial sex economy in the United States.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000887.pdf>.

Research on International Organized Crime

Application Deadline: May 28, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for research on international organized crime (IOC) that can help State, local, tribal, or Federal criminal justice agencies meet the challenge of IOC in their jurisdictions. Proposals are sought to develop and analyze data having clear implications for criminal justice in the United States in the following focus areas: quantification of harm; penetration of strategic sectors; links between IOC and terrorism or insurgency; relationships between State, local, tribal, or Federal governments as well as foreign governments and IOC; and evaluations of counter-IOC tools or programs.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000938.pdf>.

2009 Survey of Juveniles Charged in Adult Criminal Courts

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks proposals for assistance in designing, developing, and conducting a data collection for the 2009 BJS Survey of Juveniles Charged in Adult Criminal Courts. The goal of this survey is to generate accurate and reliable case processing statistics for juveniles charged as adults in a national or sub-national sample of counties. This project will involve both a design and data collection component and will track juvenile defendants for up to two years. For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/sjcacc09sol.pdf>.

Research on Sentencing and Community-Based Alternatives to Incarceration

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for research on sentencing and community corrections policies and practices that promote effective and cost-efficient community-based alternatives to jail and prison without jeopardizing public safety. NIJ is specifically interested in research that examines the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of alternatives to jail and prison for convicted adult offenders. This research solicitation represents an opportunity to integrate approaches from a variety of disciplines to inform sentencing and community corrections policies and practices. For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000890.pdf>.

Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Family Violence

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for research and evaluation on topics related to children's exposure to family violence or the intersection of child custody and domestic violence. In particular, NIJ seeks applications that address interventions; justice system responses; and child development, coping and resilience. This solicitation is limited to violence that occurs in the home and excludes violence within the school, community, or popular culture. For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000928.pdf>.

Evaluation of the Attorney General's Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Program: Phase I

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for the initial phase of an evaluation of the Attorney General's Children Exposed to Violence (CEV) Demonstration Program. The Phase I evaluation involves a \$500,000 effort to accomplish initial developmental and evaluation activities over an 18 month period. Activities include: assessing relevant data for program evaluation in eight program sites; coordinating with the CEV technical assistance provider on data collection and measurement issues and the inclusion of an evaluation component; and the development of a comprehensive strategy for evaluating the impact of the CEV demonstration program in four sites in a Phase II. For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000942.pdf>.

Research on Foreclosures and Crime

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for research to examine the links between foreclosures, vacant properties, and crime. NIJ seeks to fund research proposals that explore and explain the links between place and crime in the specific context of the recent wave of residential property foreclosures. Applications should explain how the proposed project will fill a critical gap in the field's knowledge and practice, as well as identify policy implications related to criminal justice. For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000894.pdf>.

Research and Evaluation on Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for research and evaluation on violence against women, specifically projects on sexual violence, stalking, and teen dating violence. Research is sought on the criminal justice system's response to sexual violence and stalking; the extent of the problem of teen dating violence and characteristics of abusive teen relationships; and the evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of teen dating violence programs, policies, and legislation in addressing teen dating violence. Applications addressing other areas of research on violence against women, such as intimate partner violence will be accepted.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000929.pdf>.

Developing and Evaluating Location-based Information Systems for Offender Supervision

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications to develop improved location-based information systems for managing offenders under community supervision; evaluate the effectiveness of location-based information systems currently being used for that purpose; or to develop improved systems and then to evaluate those systems. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate a partnership with state or local criminal justice agencies for both development and evaluation purposes.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000914.pdf>.

Evaluation of the Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Act Adult Demonstration Projects

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for a comprehensive outcome and impact evaluation of the selected adult demonstration projects funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Second Chance Act of 2007. In particular, NIJ seeks to measure the processes, outcomes, costs, and impacts of the programs that received funding under the Second Chance Act and to assess the effectiveness of the Second Chance Act in reducing recidivism among released prisoners.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000937.pdf>.

2010 Visiting Fellow: Corrections Statistics

Application Deadline: June 4, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applications for one or more BJS Visiting Fellows in Corrections Statistics. BJS invites candidates to apply to its Visiting Fellow Program to undertake methodological research to enhance its capacity to use its National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) data for studying failure (and success) of state parolees, time served in prison and its contribution to changes in the size of the prison population, periods of imprisonment over the life course of offenders, and methods to address non-response in generating national-level estimates of transitions between stages of the imprisonment process.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/vfcs10sol.pdf>.

Evaluation of National Institute of Corrections Evidence-Based Decision Making Framework for Local Criminal Justice Systems

Application Deadline: June 7, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for an evaluation of the National Institute of Corrections evidence-based decision making framework for local criminal justice systems. The primary objective of the evaluation will be to assess the connections between evidence-based court decisions and supervision options that break the cycle of criminal recidivism, protect the public, and assist offenders reentering the community from incarceration.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000940.pdf>.

2010 Assessment of Administrative Data on Elder Abuse, Mistreatment, and Neglect

Application Deadline: June 8, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks proposals to examine the problem of elder abuse, mistreatment, and neglect through the collection of data on cases of suspected elder abuse referred to Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies and cases reported to local law enforcement. The goals of this program are to examine the characteristics of suspected elder abuse cases referred to APS and/or reported to police, in order to understand routes of reporting elder abuse; and to ascertain the feasibility of an ongoing and expanded collection of administrative data on cases of suspected elder abuse, mistreatment, and neglect.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/elder10sol.pdf>.

Recidivism in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997

Application Deadline: June 8, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks proposals to conduct a research program that uncovers the developmental patterns and correlates of recidivism in the data collected by the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97). The goal of this program is to develop a better understanding of the legal, social, economic and educational factors that influence juvenile and criminal recidivism and successful reentry. Specifically, this project will determine what relevant recidivism research questions can be addressed by the NLSY97 data, create a research database, and prepare reports that answer many relevant questions, and aid BJS in its subsequent recidivism data collection activities.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/nlsy97sol.pdf>.

Evaluation of Programs to Reduce Gang Membership, Crime, and Violence

Application Deadline: June 10, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications to conduct process and outcome evaluations on programs aimed at reducing gang membership and gang-related crime and violence for both adults and juveniles. Specifically, NIJ is interested in evaluations of programs that address gang membership or joining; gang violence reduction; and the use of evidence-based programs to address gang membership and gang-related crime and violence. NIJ also seeks proposals to evaluate community-level, comprehensive strategies focusing on gang violence.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000903.pdf>.

Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles

Application Deadline: June 10, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for the provision of technology career training to incarcerated persons. Awarded funds may be used for establishing a technology careers training program to train incarcerated persons for technology-based jobs and careers during the 3-year period before release from a prison, jail, or juvenile residential facility.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceTechCareersSol.pdf>.

Resource Center for the Elimination of Prison Rape

Application Deadline: June 10, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for the development and operation of a Resource Center for the Elimination of Prison Rape. The Resource Center for the Elimination of Prison Rape will be established to provide additional training, technical assistance, and program implementation resources to the corrections field in order to assist in the identification and promulgation of “best practices” or “promising practices.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10PrisonResourceCenterSol.pdf>.

Second Chance Act Program to Evaluate and Improve Educational Methods for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles

Application Deadline: June 10, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications to evaluate and improve academic and vocational education for offenders in prison, jails and juvenile facilities. Specifically, BJA seeks applications to evaluate methods to improve academic and vocational education for incarcerated adults and juveniles; identify and make recommendations regarding best practices relating to academic and vocational education for incarcerated adults and juveniles; and improve the academic and vocational education programs available to incarcerated adults and juveniles. This solicitation is not requiring an evaluation of programs, but instead is seeking an entity to survey the research on existing promising and evidence-based practices and to then make recommendations regarding best practices, gaps in evidence-based programs, and future research needs

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceEducationSol.pdf>.

National Corrections Reporting Program 2010-2013

Application Deadline: June 11, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applicants for the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) data collection, analysis, and dissemination activities. Through the NCRP, BJS collects individual (or offender-level) data on prisoners entering and leaving the custody or supervision of state prison systems and discharges from parole. BJS uses these data to study a wide variety of special topic issues in corrections, such as recidivism of state prisoners, prisoner reentry, aging of the prison population, trends in state parole, outcomes of parole supervision, and other issues.

For more information: http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncrp10_13sol.pdf.

2010 National Survey of Prosecutors

Application Deadline: June 11, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks applicants to administer the 2010 National Survey of Prosecutors (NSP-10). The NSP-10 will focus on the administration of prosecution activities and the emerging types of cases and knowledge from a nationally representative sample of approximately 475 prosecutor offices that handle felony cases in state court. The survey will obtain basic information on staffing, salaries, and budgets, and may also include measures of emerging prosecution techniques and issues, such as community prosecution, computer and internet related crimes, sex offenders, use of forensic and DNA evidence, plea bargaining, and others.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/nsp10sol.pdf>.

Methodological Research to Support the Redesign of the National Crime Victimization Survey: Sub-National Estimates

Application Deadline: June 11, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applications to design and conduct a major survey to accompany the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). The focus of this solicitation is to develop and test survey methods to provide sub-national estimates of victimization based on the survey responses. Applicants should provide a synopsis of their background in this field that supports their expertise with the issue, provides a complete explanation of the methodology to be employed, and describes how conclusions and recommendations will be framed.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/ncvssubsol.pdf>.

BJS FY 2010 Visiting Fellow: National Crime Victimization Survey Redesign

Application Deadline: June 11, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applications for one or more BJS Visiting Fellows in the National Crime Victimization Survey Redesign program. BJS invites candidates to undertake methodological research to enhance its capacity to redesign its NCVS. The Fellow's methodological work should focus primarily on two objectives: developing a modular crime incident report, and evaluating the optimal method to incorporate repeat victimization into annual estimates.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fvncvs10sol.pdf>.

2009 Census of Problem-Solving Courts

Application Deadline: June 11, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applicants to administer the 2009 Census of Problem-Solving Courts. The goal of the census is to generate accurate and reliable national statistics regarding adult offenders who enter problem-solving court programs. At a minimum, the census will collect information on court operations and staffing, the number of offenders who enter the court, and the characteristics of offenders who enter these programs. The information collected through this census will support a sampling framework to examine case processing information and case dispositions of adults in problem-solving courts.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cpsc09sol.pdf>.

2010 Survey of State Court Criminal Appeals

Application Deadline: June 11, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applicants to administer the 2010 Survey of State Court Criminal Appeals. The purpose of this award is to provide funding to finalize the sampling design and survey development, and to administer the criminal appeals survey. This award aims to obtain information on certain key case characteristics, including the types of criminal cases appealed to state intermediate appellate courts and courts of last resort, in addition to the disposition of criminal appeals, appellate case processing time, and the impact of appellate litigation on trial court outcomes.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/sscca10sol.pdf>.

2011 Census of Adult Probation Supervising Agencies

Application Deadline: June 14, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applications for a collection agent to administer the 2011 Census of Adult Probation Supervising Agencies. The activities under this award include researching, developing, and maintaining a comprehensive roster (i.e., complete enumeration) of all public and private probation supervising agencies and their offices; assisting BJS with finalizing the questionnaire design for the census; and conducting data collection, analysis, and reporting activities.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/capsa11sol.pdf>.

Evaluation of the Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Act FY2010 State, Tribal, and Local Reentry Courts Program

Application Deadline: June 14, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for an evaluation of the State, Tribal, and Local Reentry Courts Program. Specifically, NIJ seeks to award an evaluation research grant to document the implementation of the reentry courts that receive Bureau of Justice Assistance funding under the Second Chance Act in FY2010 and to examine program processes and outcomes observed during and after participation among adult offenders.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000941.pdf>.

Research on Eyewitness Identification Policies and Procedures

Application Deadline: June 14, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications to conduct research on the current eyewitness identification practices of police departments and examine the impact of photo array policies and procedures on eyewitness identification outcomes. NIJ seeks proposals that will examine the impact of field-ready procedures that increase the likelihood of accurate perpetrator identification, and safeguard against inaccurate identification. Additionally, NIJ is interested in proposals that will survey a nationally representative sample of police departments to obtain descriptive information on the current policies, practices, and training protocols related to the eyewitness identification process.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000904.pdf>.

Evaluation of the Multi-site Demonstration Field Experiment: What Works in Reentry Research
Application Deadline: June 14, 2010

As part of a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to implement and rigorously test important criminal justice interventions and programs, NIJ seeks proposals to support a randomized controlled trial program evaluation as part of a multi-site Demonstration Field Experiment (DFE) on prisoner reentry. This NIJ solicitation seeks to make a single award for DFE program evaluation activities that will focus on a rigorous experimental test of a specific reentry intervention or strategy. The research proposed under this solicitation should include process, outcome, cost, and impact evaluation plans for up to six demonstration sites to receive BJA funding as part of the DFE. For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000943.pdf>.

OJJDP FY 2010 Juvenile Drug Courts Training and Technical Assistance Program
Application Deadline: June 15, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for a provider to deliver training and technical assistance to juvenile drug courts about how to implement the 16 Strategies of Effective Juvenile Drug Courts and other juvenile drug court best practices. The program's primary goal is to provide training and technical assistance to juvenile drug court professional multidisciplinary teams and court practitioners to operate, maintain, enhance, and expand juvenile drug courts. For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/JuvenileDCTTA.pdf>.

2010 Mentoring for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative
Application Deadline: June 15, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications from currently funded Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) grantees to develop proposals that will increase the capacity of their SS/HS collaborations to develop and implement community-based mentoring programs or to expand and enhance existing mentoring programs and strategies. The SS/HS Initiative is a joint effort by the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice to support schools and communities in creating safer and healthier learning environments. This program advances the provision of integrated resources for prevention and early intervention services for children and youth by supporting effective evidence-based mentoring services to young people who are underserved. For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/MentoringSSHHSI.pdf>.

OJJDP FY 2010 National Evaluation of the Community-Based Violence Prevention Program
Application Deadline: June 18, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications for the evaluation of the OJJDP Community-Based Violence Prevention Program. The program's purpose is to fund an organization (or partnership of organizations) to design and implement a comprehensive process and outcome evaluation of a new OJJDP community-based initiative. The selected national evaluator will oversee and implement the evaluation in as many as four communities that will receive program funding from OJJDP. For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/CBVP%20EVAL.pdf>.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2010 Local Solicitation

Application Deadline: June 30, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. JAG-funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures. JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems that will improve or enhance areas as: law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; or corrections and community corrections programs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10JAGLocalSol.pdf>.

Research and Publications

Addressing Foreclosed and Abandoned Properties

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this report is intended to be a quick reference for law enforcement and government agencies interested in addressing foreclosed and abandoned properties. The report is divided into three topic areas: Prevention, Enforcement, and Reuse.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CCI_Abandoned_Property.pdf.

Youth's Needs and Services

Based on findings from the first Survey of Youth in Residential Placement (SYRP), this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention "Bulletin" presents an overview of needs and service experiences of youth in custody. The bulletin discusses psychological and substance abuse problems experienced by youth in custody, mental health and substance abuse counseling, other medical needs and services.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/227728.pdf>.

Causes and Correlates of Girls' Delinquency

Part of the Girls Study Group Series, this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention report presents a summary of social science research findings on individual-risk factors for delinquency and factors related to family, peers, schools and communities. Focusing on girls ages 11 to 18, more than 1,600 articles and book chapters were reviewed to determine whether these factors are gender neutral, gender specific, or gender sensitive.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/226358.pdf>.

Suitability of Assessment Instruments for Delinquent Girls

Part of the Girls Study Group Series, the goal of this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency guide is to help practitioners determine which standardized assessment instruments should be used when working with delinquent girls. The guide includes recommendations for practitioners on how to choose an instrument that is validated, appropriate, and cost-effective.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/226531.pdf>.

Child Maltreatment 2008

Published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau, this report provides an annual overview of child victimization statistics from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). The NCANDS collects case-level child victimization data on the characteristics of screened-in abuse or neglect reports, victim and perpetrator demographics, types of alleged maltreatment, dispositions (or findings) of the investigations, risk factors of the child and caregivers, and victim services provided.

Access full text at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm08/cm08.pdf>.

Do Reentry Courts Reduce Recidivism?

This Center for Court Innovation report presents findings from a study examining the use of reentry courts to reduce recidivism. Specifically, the study assessed the impact of the Harlem Parole Reentry Court, comparing 317 reentry court parolees to 637 comparison parolees over a three year period following their release.

Access full text at: http://www.courtinnovation.org/_uploads/documents/Reentry_Evaluation.pdf.

Conferences and Trainings

13th Annual Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts Training Conference: "Predict This" **May 10-14, 2010 in Hyannis, MA**

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts, this training conference will provide knowledge, skills and training related to the support of analysis-driven predictive policing. The conference will feature a wide variety of general sessions as well as skills-based training in the hands-on computer lab. Session topics include: fundamentals of crime analysis, data and database management, GIS, Compstat, traffic crash analysis, and social networking data collection.

For more information: www.macrimeanalysts.com.

Northeast Juvenile Firesetting Conference: Take-Home Tools & Effective Strategies **May 13-14, 2010 in Worcester, MA**

Hosted by the state Department of Fire Services, Mass. Association of Safety & Fire Educators, The Brandon School & the Mass. Property Insurance Underwriting Association, the Northeast Juvenile Firesetting Conference has grown into the country's premier collaborative event for professionals working to assess, prevent and treat firesetting behaviors in children. Topics include, but are not limited to: cyberbullying; social media and the Internet; middle school fire safety; community interventions; and anger management.

For more information: <http://brandonschool.org/pathways/index.php>.

2010 National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability **May 18-19, 2010 in Portland, OR**

Sponsored by the SMART Office, the 2010 Symposium will highlight implementation issues related to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, as well as enforcement, policy, emerging issues, and comprehensive approaches to sex offender management. Sessions will offer a variety of topics and training opportunities concerning sex offender management and implementation of the Adam Walsh Act.

For more information: <https://www.circlesolutions.com/smart/>.

9th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference

May 18-19, 2010 in Marlborough, MA

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the title of this year's conference is "Suicide Prevention Across the Lifespan: A Strategic Approach for Your Community." Through this conference participants will: gain new information and increase their awareness of suicide as a public health issue; become familiar with the goals and objectives of the Massachusetts Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention; learn how to "take action" with the Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention to implement the Strategic Plan; gain knowledge about the special needs of suicide survivors; and enhance their suicide assessment and intervention skills.

For more information: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=04ea3c04-ac99-486a-a8bf-71a71034a42c>.

Student Athlete Underage Drinking Prevention Conferences- STAY IN THE GAME

May 18, 2010 in Springfield, MA

May 28, 2010 in Milford, MA

June 1, 2010 in Foxborough, MA

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division in partnership with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, will host three day-long underage drinking prevention conferences entitled "STAY IN THE GAME", which will be directed toward high school student athletes, but all students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Students, coaches and administrators will participate in workshops addressing the effects of alcohol on athletes, sportsmanship, behavior and consequences, underage drinking, highway safety and Social Host Law enforcement. Since space is limited, all attendees must RSVP.

For more information, and to RSVP: contact Amy Dominici via e-mail at Amydominici@aol.com or by phone at (617) 569-1795.

Training of Trainers: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Your Community

May 19-21 in Amherst, MA

Sponsored by the Everywoman's Center & the Massachusetts Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Project, this training will prepare participants to educate parents and professionals in the community about child sexual abuse prevention. The training will provide participants with a foundation in: child sexual abuse research, normative sexual behavior for children, basic principles of sex offender management, and teaching tools to develop and implement training addressing the prevention of child sexual abuse. Trainers must agree to present a minimum of two training sessions within the next 12 months.

For more information: contact Becky Lockwood at RLockwood@stuaf.umass.edu or 413.545.5832.

34th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) Training Conference and Exposition

May 24-27, 2010 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, this conference features national and global experts share best practices and lessons learned in the use of technology to combat crime and improve departmental efficiency. This year's conference offers the following workshop topic tracks: technology; systems/information sharing; communications and interoperability; project management; development; and intelligence/analysis.

For more information: <http://www.theiacp.org/Technology/LEIM2010Conference/tabid/665/Default.aspx>.

2nd Annual Victim Rights: Beyond the Courthouse

June 4, 2010 in Boston, MA

Presented by the Massachusetts Parole Board, this conference will feature keynote speaker First Lady Diane Patrick. Additional presentations will focus on post conviction victim rights and navigating post conviction victim services.

For more information: contact the Massachusetts Parole Board at karen.kelly@state.ma.us.

2010 Crime Victim Law Conference

June 3-4, 2010 in Portland, OR

Sponsored by the National Crime Victim Law Institute, the theme for this year's conference is "Due Process for Victims: Meaningful Rights in Every Case." Designed for attorneys and advocates, this conference will provide participants with the fundamentals of victims' rights law. The conference will focus on the knowledge and practical skills essential in securing basic victims' rights such as: reasonable notice, victim voice, and privacy protections.

For more information: <http://legacy.lclark.edu/org/ncvli/2010conference.html>.

CrimeStat III for Crime Analysts

June 7-9, 2010 in Brookline, MA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, participants of this conference will learn to: prepare data for CrimeStat III; produce results; import data into ArcGIS and CrimeStat III; create basic descriptive statistics using spatial distribution; measure clustering using distance analysis; and perform several hotspot techniques. Participants must have intermediate-level experience with ArcGIS 9.3 and have a minimum of two years experience analyzing crime patterns, series, and problems in municipal or county police agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/training/crimestat-training.htm>.

National Institute of Justice Conference 2010

June 14-16, 2010 in Arlington, VA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, this conference focuses on what is effective, what is ineffective, and what research shows is promising in the field of criminal justice. Specifically, the conference will showcase innovations in forensic sciences and related policy and resource issues. Strong emphasis is placed on the advantages of researchers and practitioners working together to create and support evidence-based best practices. Keynote speakers include Laurence Tribe, Harvard Law Professor, renowned constitutional scholar and head of the new Justice Department's Access to Justice Project, and Paula Zahn, award-winning news journalist and current host of the television show "Investigation Discovery."

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm

Conference on Reducing Violence Against Women on College Campuses: A Coordinated Community Response Approach

June 16-17, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV

Sponsored by The Office on Violence Against Women and The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, this conference is open to college campuses and their community partners who are interested in starting/strengthening their coordinated community response team as a requirement for potential application for the OVW "Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking on Campus." Some of the topics will include: student programming; orientation and prevention; campus law enforcement training and response; campus disciplinary board development and effectiveness; collaborating with campus and community stakeholders; Clery Act guidelines; and accessing grant funds for Campus program

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/campus-institute.htm>.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Patrick Makes Pitch for Transgender Bill

***The Boston Globe*, April 21, 2010**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Governor Deval Patrick reiterated his support for a transgender rights bill, which has become an unexpected flashpoint in the governor's race. At issue is a bill that would make it illegal to discriminate on the basis of "gender identity or expression." Governor Patrick told reporters at the State House yesterday that he supports the legislation because "it's a very simple, straightforward bill that closes some gaps in our civil rights laws."

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/04/21/patrick_makes_pitch_for_transgender_bill/.

State Bill Targeting Bullying Approved

***The Boston Globe*, April 30, 2010**

According to *The Boston Globe*, legislation has emerged with broad prohibitions against any actions that could cause emotional or physical harm, including text messages and taunting over the Internet. The law also mandates anti-bullying training, for faculty as well as students, and requires that parents be informed of incidents at school. But at the heart of the measure, lawmakers said, is the requirement that every school employee, including custodians and cafeteria workers, report incidents of suspected bullying and that principals investigate each case.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/04/30/state_bill_targeting_bullying_approved/.

Massachusetts House Reconsiders Plan to Charge Prisoners \$5-a-Day Fee

***The Republican*, April 30, 2010**

Massachusetts House lawmakers are reconsidering a proposal to charge prison inmates \$5 a day, reports *The Republican*. The new fee was quickly pushed through on a 106-51 vote by House lawmakers during their ongoing budget debate. Supporters of the proposal say it is one way to help ease Massachusetts' financial burden at a time when the state is being forced to make deep budget cuts to services. Opponents of the plan say it will make it harder for prisoners to get a foothold in society when they are released and could drive them back to a life of crime.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/04/massachusetts_house_reconsider.html.

State Got Stimulus Jobs

The Worcester Telegram and Gazette, May 1, 2010

The Patrick Administration estimates that about 30,800 individuals in Massachusetts have received a stimulus-funded paycheck since the federal program was launched in February 2009, reports *The Worcester Telegram and Gazette*. In the past three months, officials said they've been able to save or create the equivalent of about 6,400 full-time jobs in Massachusetts. All told, officials said 16,137 individuals have found some kind of full- or part-time work in Massachusetts in the past three months because of the federal program.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20100501/NEWS/5010314>.

Text Tips Help Police, and WRTA Boosts Effort

The Worcester Telegram and Gazette, May 5, 2010

The Police Department's text messaging and online anonymous tip services, which were rolled out a month ago, have already netted information on homicides and a fatal motor vehicle crash, reports *The Worcester Telegram and Gazette*. Police are now hoping a partnership with the Worcester Regional Transit Authority will help inform WRTA riders about the new tip services. For about a month there have been stickers on the back of about 30 WRTA buses advertising the Police Department's Text-A-Tip program. The WRTA donated the thousands of dollars worth of advertising space and has also placed information about the anonymous tip services inside all of the buses.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20100505/NEWS/5050426/1101/local>.

Announcement

EOPSS/HSD Recognized in OJJDP Success Stories for Collaboration with District Attorneys to Prevent Underage Drinking

In May 2010 the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recognized EOPSS-Highway Safety Division's collaboration with four District Attorney's Associations for their efforts in preventing underage drinking. This recognition stemmed from a 2009 federal grant program where funds were awarded to host one or more one-day underage drinking prevention conferences. These conferences served to bring together new partners and a variety of stakeholders in children's lives to address underage drinking. Attendees included parents, law enforcement, coaches, school personnel, and youth service providers. District Attorney's Associations receiving grant awards were: Berkshire County, Norfolk County, Plymouth County, and Worcester County. This program was funded through an OJJDP grant to EOPSS-HSD.

For more information: http://www.udetc.org/documents/success_stories/ma0510.pdf.

Promising Practices Survey

In March 2009, the Promising Practices subcommittee of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence released its white paper to the Governor's Council. The underlying philosophy is that everyone has a role in responding to domestic violence and that there are several innovative practices already underway in Massachusetts. Through this survey, the Promising Practicing subcommittee seeks to better understand where these practices are currently happening in the Commonwealth, how they are functioning, and challenges and opportunities in their implementation. All responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

Access survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CVQV9Z>.

The Office of Justice Programs Announces the Launch of Grants 101

The Office of Justice Programs recently launched Grants 101, a website intended to assist applicants in navigating the grant application and award process. The site provides information on writing and submitting proposals, the review process, and many other helpful hints as well as links to related websites.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/grants101/>.

Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or andrew.polk@state.ma.us.

To access the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeqRkA_3d_3d.

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